

They are checking into that and will get back to us on the feasibility of that. I will keep everybody posted.

➤ **COUNCILMAN SPEAR**

Councilman Spear stated I know we are struggling getting candidates and I will not be refiling to run for this office. We need to get the word out for people to file.

➤ **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated Harry Rhea with the Tree Board and Clerk Lee have been working with the Arbor Day Foundation for the last few weeks and are a member of the Tree City USA for 2021. The Tree Board works hard at bringing greenery to our area and I would just like to recognize them for that. I would also like to note a lot of people in our community put a lot of effort into the Ely Film Festival that will be this weekend. It is Art and Music with a lot of good planning, and they are bringing a lot of people to our area.

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD.**

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of the following terms through October 31, 2023 for provision of water services to the White Pine County Golf Course, to include, modify or exclude the following: 1. Water usage period begins April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; 2. Ruth rate applied per monthly allotment amounts outline in Monthly Allotment chart for an annual total of 62 million gallons, with monthly allotments not carrying over; 3. Water used over monthly allotment billed at current City of Ely water rates; City Engineer will monitor City's water tank levels and notify White Pine County Public Works Director if Golf Course watering needs to be temporarily reduced; and two year agreement contingent on White Pine County's commencement of drilling irrigation well at the Golf Course in 2022.

**Proposed Golf Course Water Usage and Rate (2022 – Rev. 2)**

- Anticipated water use will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> and end October 31<sup>st</sup> (7 months).
- County would pay the Ruth Water rate for a total allotment amount of 62 million gallons.
- Monthly billing would be based on water usage from the meter readings. Any water uses over the monthly allotment will be billed at the current City of Ely water rates.
- If the monthly allotment is not used, it does not carry over.
- The 62-million-gallon allotment was determined from last year's meter readings and taking into account the reduced water usage in the months of April and May.
- This is an interim agreement with the main objective to get the Golf Course on its own well and remove the high demand from the City of Ely system.
- With the current status of RW-7P well not inoperable. The City has the right to reduce and/or turn off the golf course irrigation water as required to maintain fire protection for the community.
- In the event that the City Wells are unable to maintain a minimum level of 25 feet within the courthouse tanks, the curtailment of the golf course irrigation will begin.
- In the event the City's main 17<sup>th</sup> and M Well or the Golf Course Municipal Well are not operational, curtailment of the golf course irrigation will begin, regardless of the water elevation in the courthouse tanks.
- The curtailment will be coordinated between the City Engineer and the White Pine County Public Works Director.
- This agreement is meant to provide the County one (1) year to get the Golf Course on its own well.

Monthly Allotment	
Month	Volume (Gallons)
April	6,000,000
May	8,000,000
June	12,000,000
July	12,000,000
August	12,000,000
September	10,000,000
October	2,000,000

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utilities Board did recommend approval of this item this morning. I did just catch something though; on the agenda item we have it for a two-year contract and on our bullet points that we agreed with the County on it was a one-year contract.

City Engineer Almberg stated this was an amendment to our original agreement that was two years. I walked away from the meeting with the understanding there was a year left.

Councilman Carson stated so we are at a year left.

Councilman Alworth stated I think we need to clarify that with the County, so they are clear on the agreement.

Councilman Alworth moved to Approve the following terms through October 31, 2023 for provision of water services to the White Pine County Golf Course, to include, modify or exclude the following: 1. Water usage period begins April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; 2. Ruth rate applied per monthly allotment amounts outline in Monthly Allotment chart for an annual total of 62 million gallons, with monthly allotments not carrying over; 3. Water used over monthly allotment billed at current City of Ely water rates; City Engineer will monitor City's water tank levels and notify White Pine County Public Works Director if Golf Course watering needs to be temporarily reduced; and two year agreement contingent on White Pine County's commencement of drilling irrigation well at the Golf Course in 2022. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Council Members – City Clerk Lee– Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$264.45 from 41 Sixth Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of property owner, Robert McShane.

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval on this item.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$264.45 from 41 Sixth Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of property owner, Robert McShane. Councilman Flangas seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Spear voting Nay.

3. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Water and Sewer Assistance Program Vendor Agreement between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and supportive Services (DWSS), and Energy Assistance Program-Water Assistance and Sewer Program (EAP-WSAP).

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval on this item. It is a good program for the people that need the assistance.

City Attorney Cahoon stated I would like to correct the record from this morning. The term of the agreement goes until September 30<sup>th</sup> of next year with the option to terminate upon a thirty-day notice.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the Water and Sewer Assistance Program Vendor Agreement between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and supportive Services (DWSS), and Energy Assistance Program-Water Assistance and Sewer Program (EAP-WSAP). Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ONLY OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL.**

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Alworth disclosed I am a past member of the Volunteer Fire Department and bills that are paid on behalf of the City of Ely Fire Department I believe are paid in the best interest of the citizens.